

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO  
3 CONTINUE THE TASK FORCE ON OBSTETRIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER  
4 LIABILITY INSURANCE.

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6 WHEREAS, there is a continuing crisis in obstetric  
7 health care access because malpractice premiums for all types  
8 of health care providers, including certified nurse-midwives,  
9 primary care physicians and obstetricians, are escalating;  
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11 WHEREAS, those escalating costs threaten access to  
12 childbirth services, especially in underserved and rural  
13 areas where certified nurse-midwives provide many services;  
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15 WHEREAS, one-third of all vaginal births in New Mexico  
16 are delivered by certified nurse-midwives; and

17 WHEREAS, various task forces have been working to find  
18 solutions to this problem for three years;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy  
21 commission be requested to continue the work of its task  
22 force on health care practitioner liability insurance to find  
23 solutions to the continuing crisis in obstetric health care;  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit its

1 findings and recommendations by October 2008 to the  
2 legislative health and human services committee, the  
3 legislative finance committee and the office of the governor;  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the New Mexico health policy commission and the  
7 chair of the legislative health and human services committee.=\_

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